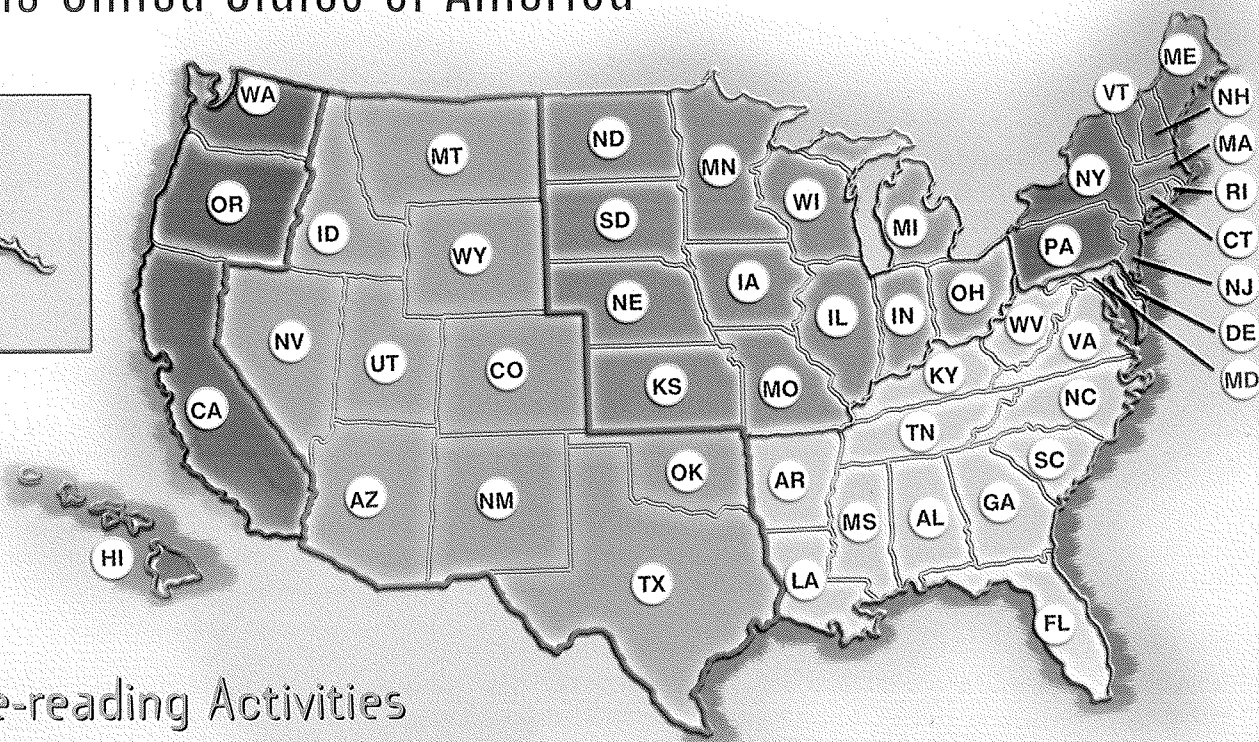
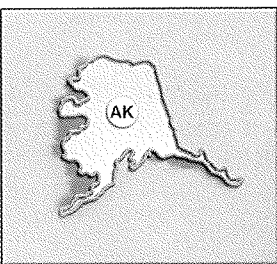


3 The United States of America



Pre-reading Activities

1 a) Look at the map and find the following states:

- California
- Minnesota
- Maine
- Illinois
- New Hampshire
- Ohio
- Massachusetts
- Florida
- Rhode Island
- Alaska
- Connecticut
- Hawaii

b) Which of the states mentioned above are

- East Coast states?
- Pacific Coast states?
- Southern states?
- Midwestern states?

2 a) Match the photos (A-D) to the captions (1-4).

- 1 ☐ The White House
- 2 ☐ The Statue of Liberty
- 3 ☐ The Golden Gate Bridge
- 4 ☐ Arizona

b) What do you think the texts are about? Which of the following words/phrases would you expect to find in them?

- population • travel agent • forest • cuisine
- geography • tourism • mild climate • jazz
- melting pot • capital city • movie industry
- official language • arts and crafts • typhoon

c) Use two to three words/phrases to make sentences, as in the example.

What's the population of the USA?

Reading

3 a) Read the texts and answer the questions. Then, use your dictionary to look up the words in bold. Finally, use them to make sentences of your own.

The original inhabitants of the US are the American Indians, the Alaskan Aleuts and the native Hawaiians. The population of these groups is small compared to that of the other US citizens who are immigrants from all over the world and include English, Irish, Polish, Asian, and Mexican **descendants** to **name** a few. Furthermore, America has a large population of African Americans, as well as Hispanic Americans who are originally from Latin America. This is why the USA has been called a **melting pot** of cultures. The official language is English and is referred to as 'American English'. The second most widely spoken language in the country is Spanish.

The East Coast States, New York being the most populated city, are marked for their forests, mountains, beaches and **picturesque** lakes. The Midwestern States are referred to as the 'heartland' of the nation because they **lie** in the middle of the country. The Midwest has vast areas of flat and fertile land. Chicago, one of the world's busiest cities, is located there. The Southern States, such as Tennessee and Florida are also fertile and have a moist, sub-tropical climate. Next are the Western Interior States, which include amazing natural **scenery** such as the Rocky Mountains, the Grand Canyon and the Arizona Desert. The Pacific Coast States like California and Hawaii have a **mild** climate and fertile valleys. Last but not least is Alaska, the largest state in the US but also the least populated.

- 1 How many regions are the United States divided into?
- 2 Why are the Midwestern States called the 'heartland' of the country?
- 3 Which is the largest state in the US?
- 4 Which is the most populated city in the US?
- 5 Who were the original inhabitants of the US?
- 6 Why has the US been called a melting pot?

b) Read the texts again and match the highlighted words to their synonyms below.

- 1 huge; 2 landscape; 3 consists of; 4 natives, locals; 5 incomers; 6 entered

Speaking

- What's the population of your country?
- Who were the first inhabitants of your country? Where did they come from? What do you know about their way of life?
- Are there any immigrants in your country? Where do they come from?

